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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2006, and is submitted on or before the extended due date of January 8, 2007. A constructive Petition under 1.136(a)(3) for a one-month extension of time and the requisite fee of \$60.00 under 1.17(a)(1) are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the one-month extension fee and any fee deficiency; or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. <u>08-3038</u> referencing Atty. Dkt. No. 05033.0003.00US00.